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(57) Abstract			
<p>A pearlescent based concentrate and method of preparation wherein the concentrate comprises at least one alkylpolysaccharide, traditional pearlescent ester or acid and alkyl sulphate. The concentrate is suitable for use in personal care products of low irritancy to the skin of users.</p>			

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**PEARLESCENT BASED CONCENTRATE  
FOR PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS**

The invention relates to pearlescent based concentrates comprising at least one alkylpolysaccharide, traditional 5 pearlescent esters or acid and alkyl sulphates and to processes for the preparation thereof.

Personal care products such as handsoaps, bubble baths, shampoos and hair conditioners often include in their composition agents which impart a pleasant, pearl-like glossy 10 appearance in order to enhance the appeal of such products to the consumer. The agents which impart this appearance are known as pearlescent based concentrates and generally comprise microscopic platelike crystals which remain dispersed in compositions to which they are added and reflect 15 light in such a manner as to impart a pearl-like appearance.

Pearlescent based concentrates of the prior art have included finely divided natural substances or inorganic compounds such as mica, fish scale, bismuth oxychloride or the like. For example, Japanese patent application no. 20 90/134,825 (Priority Date; 24 May 1990) describes compositions for cosmetics having a pearly appearance, comprising glucose fatty acid esters and mica and/or mica Ti.

In recent years, the use of a fatty acid glycolic ester in pearlescent concentrates has been particularly favoured. 25 In general such concentrates are produced by adding a fatty acid glycolic ester which is solid at room temperature to a composition such as shampoo or the like, followed by heating of the mixture to melt the fatty acid glycolic ester, and then by cooling to recrystallise it and thereby providing 30 small crystals which impart a pearl-like gloss to the composition. In an alternative method of production, a pearling agent dispersion (such as a fatty acid glycolic ester dispersion, which is dissolved and cooled to recrystallise in advance) is mixed with a shampoo or the like 35 at room temperature as described in Japanese Patent Application nos. 71021/81 and 216728/83.

Other known pearlescent based concentrates have comprised microcrystalline polyvalent metal salts of higher fatty acids or fatty acid glycolic esters such as those described in United States

- 5 Patent 4,959,200 (Date of Patent; 25 September 1990).

Other commonly used pearlescent based concentrates have been prepared using ethylene glycol monostearate, ethylene glycol di-stearate, glycerol monostearate, glycerol di-

stearate or a cetyl stearly alcohol or the like in

- 10 conjunction with other similar esters. These pearlescent based concentrates of the prior art have also normally comprised ether sulphates, betaines, ethanolamide, amine based surfactants and the like which can be used as emulsifiers. United States Patent 5,017,305 (Date of Patent;
- 15 21 May 1991) describes a typical pearlescent concentrate in the form of a free-flowing dispersion comprising pearlescing esters, ether carboxylic acids and one or more monoethanolamides of C<sub>12</sub> to C<sub>22</sub> fatty acids.

One of the disadvantages of the pearlescent based

- 20 concentrates of the prior art is that they often comprise chemicals which are potential skin sensitizers. Japanese Patent Application no. 21678/83 for example, discloses a pearlizing agent containing a salt of alkyl sulphate or a salt of polyoxyalkylene alkyl sulphate, a fatty acid
- 25 dialkanolamide and water as solvents, and a fatty acid glycolic ester at a high concentration. Many factors influence the irritation effect of surfactants and the molecular structure of the surface active agent can be closely linked to its effect on adsorption, solubilization,
- 30 penetration, swelling, denaturation and general irritation on human skin.

Generally, the order of increasing human skin irritation of anionic surfactants commonly used in personal care products is in the following order:

- 35 Ammonium Laureth Sulphate < Sodium Laureth Sulphate < Ammonium Lauryl Sulphate < Sodium Lauryl Sulphate.

Furthermore, some of the pearl scent based concentrates of the prior art have included surfactants which may contain toxic trace impurities which are suspected carcinogens including nitrosamine containing compounds such as

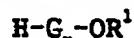
- 5 diethanolamides. European Patent no. 221465 (22 October 1992) for example, relates to a process for the production of pearlescent pigment comprising ethanolamide.

In general, alkyl polyglucosides demonstrate very little tendency to scalp irritations.

- 10 It has now been found that low irritant pearlescent based concentrates containing biodegradable surfactants can be prepared using alkylpolysaccharides. Ultimate biodegradability was measured using OECD tests 301E and 301A, 1981. Alkylpolysaccharides are particularly attractive 15 for use in personal care products because they contain no toxic trace impurities and because they are derived from renewable resources such as coconut oil and wheat starch.

The current invention therefore provides a pearlescent based concentrate including:

- 20 between 5 and 40% by weight of the composition of alkylpolysaccharide of formula



where  $\text{R}^1$  is selected from the group comprising linear or branched  $\text{C}_6$  to  $\text{C}_{22}$  alkyl or alkenyl group

- 25 where  $\text{G}$  is selected from the group comprising a  $\text{C}_5$  or  $\text{C}_6$  saccharide and

$\text{x}$  is from 1 to 10;

between 3 and 30% by weight of the composition of alkyl sulphate and/or alkyl ether sulphate;

- 30 and between 5 and 20% by weight of pearlescing esters of formula



where  $\text{R}^2$  is chosen from the group including  $\text{C}_{16}$  to  $\text{C}_{22}$  fatty acyl groups,

- 35  $\text{R}^3$  is chosen from the group comprising H or  $\text{R}^1$ ,

n is 2 or 3 and  
x is from 1 to 120.

The current invention further provides a pearlescent based concentrate including:



where R<sup>1</sup> is selected from the group comprising linear or branched C<sub>6</sub> to C<sub>22</sub> alkyl or alkenyl group

where G is selected from the group comprising a C<sub>5</sub> or C<sub>6</sub> saccharide and

- 10      x is from 1 to 10;  
between 3 and 30% by weight of the composition of alkyl sulphate and/or alkyl ether sulphate;  
and between 5 to 20% by weight of pearlescing acid of formula R COOH
- 15      where R is chosen from the group comprising C<sub>16</sub> to C<sub>22</sub> alkyl groups.

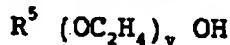
In a preferred embodiment the pearlescing esters or acid of the current invention is chosen from ethylene glycol monostearate, ethylene glycol disterate, stearic acid and mixtures thereof.

In a preferred embodiment the pearlescent based concentrate of the current invention further includes secondary alkane sulphonates of the formula



- 25      where R<sup>4</sup> is chosen from the group comprising C<sub>6</sub> to C<sub>22</sub> alkyl groups  
and M is chosen from the group comprising alkali metals

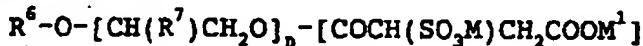
In a further preferred embodiment the fatty alcohol ethoxylates used in pearlescent based concentrate of the current invention are of the formula



where R<sup>5</sup> is chosen from the group including C<sub>6</sub> and C<sub>22</sub> alkyl or alkenyl groups  
and y is from 1 to 120

The pearlescent based concentrate of the current invention may further include between 0 and 30% by weight of the composition of one or more optional additives chosen from the group including:

- 5 alkylsulphosuccinate or polyoxyalkylenealkylsulphosuccinate of the formula



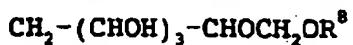
where  $R^6$  is chosen from the group including  $C_8$  to  $C_{20}$  linear or branched alkyl groups,

- 10  $R^7$  is H or  $CH_3$ ,

$M^1$  and M are independently chosen from the group comprising alkali metals, alkaline earth metals,  $NH_4^+$ ,  $C_1$  to  $C_3$  alkyl groups, substituted ammonia and hydroxy substituted  $C_2$  or  $C_3$  alkyl substituted ammonia and

- 15 n is from 0 to 8;

sorbitan fatty acid esters of formula,



where  $R^8$  is chosen from the group including  $C_{12}$  to  $C_{18}$ ; secondary alkane sulphonates; fatty alcohol alkoxylates;

- 20 fatty acid alkoxylates; fatty alcohols; alkanoyl N-methylglucamides; ether carboxylic acids; ethoxylated sorbitan fatty acid esters; and alpha-olefin sulphonates.

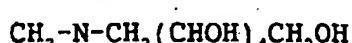
In a preferred embodiment the optional additives of the pearlescent concentrate of the current invention includes

- 25 fatty alcohols of the formula



where  $R^9$  is chosen from the group comprising  $C_6$  to  $C_{22}$  alkyl groups

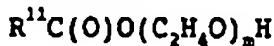
- In a further preferred embodiment the optional additives 30 of the pearlescent concentrate of the current invention includes alkanoyl N-methylglucamides of the formula



where  $R^{10}$  is chosen from the group comprising  $C_6$  and  $C_{22}$  alkyl

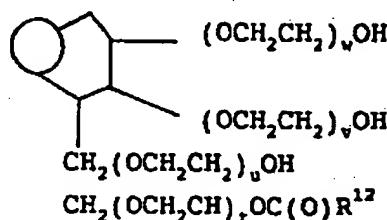
- 35 groups.

In another preferred embodiment the optional additives of the pearlescent concentrate of the current invention includes ether carboxylic acids of the formula



- 5 where R<sup>11</sup> is chosen from the group includes C<sub>6</sub> to C<sub>22</sub> alkyl groups  
and m is from 1 to 120

In a further preferred embodiment the optional additives of the pearlescent concentrate of the current invention comprise ethoxylated sorbitan fatty acid esters of the formula



- $$15 \quad \text{CH}_2(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH})_t\text{OC(O)R}^{12}$$

where  $R^{12}$  is chosen from the group comprising  
 $C_6$  to  $C_{22}$  alkyl groups  
and w, v, u, t are from 4 to 20

- In a further preferred embodiment the optional additives  
20 of the pearlescent concentrate of the current invention  
comprise alpha-olefin sulphonates of formula



where  $R^{13}$  is chosen from the group comprising

### C<sub>6</sub> to C<sub>2</sub>, alkyl groups

- 25 and  $M^2$  is chosen from the group comprising Na & K.

Another optional additive to the pearlescent based concentrates of the current invention is between 0 and 2% of at least one inorganic salt including alkali metal halide salt such as NaCl, KCl, KI and the like.

- 30 The pearlescent based concentrates of the current  
invention may also be diluted with between 10 and 90% of the  
weight of the composition of water or other suitable solvent.

The pearlescent based concentrates of the current invention may also have added optional agents including perfumes, pigments, UV absorbers and antioxidants.

There is further provided a method of preparation of the 5 pearlescent based concentrates of the current invention comprising the steps of;

- (a) heating the components to a temperature above the highest melting point of the components but less than the boiling point of any solvents present and stirring 10 to form a homogeneous solution, and
- (b) cooling the stirring solution to a temperature of between 35°C and 45°C at a maximum cooling rate of 15°C/hour.

The 15 pearlescent based concentrates of the current invention may also be prepared by a method comprising the following steps;

- (a) heating the components to a temperature above the highest melting point of the components but less than the boiling point of any solvents present while stirring 20 vigorously to form a homogeneous solution,
- (b) rapidly cooling the stirring solution to between 60°C and 70°C, and
- (c) cooling the stirring solution to a temperature of between 35°C and 45°C at a maximum cooling rate of 25 15°C/hour.

The current invention will now be described with reference to the following non-limiting examples;

**EXAMPLE 1**

A pearlescent based concentrate of the following composition was prepared by the method described below.

<u>Component</u>	<u>Composition (% w/w)</u>
5 Decyld polysaccharide (50% a.i.)	36.00
Sodium lauryl sulphate (30% a.i.)	10.00
Ethylene Glycol mono-stearate	16.25
Sodium chloride	1.00
Water	36.75

**10 Method**

Ethylene glycol monostearate, decyld polysaccharide, alkyl sulphate, water and sodium chloride were heated to 80°C with vigorous stirring. The solution was maintained at 80°C with stirring for further 30 minutes before being rapidly

15 cooled to 65°C. Once the solution temperature reached 65°C the stirring rate was slowed and the solution cooled at a controlled rate of 10°C per hour until the temperature reached 40°C. The stirrer was then stopped and the pearlescent blend allowed to cool to room temperature.

**20 EXAMPLE 2**

A pearlescent based concentrate of the following composition was prepared by the method described below.

<u>Component</u>	<u>Composition (% w/w)</u>
25 Dodecyld polysaccharide (50% a.i.)	25.00
Sodium lauryl sulphate (30% a.i.)	31.00
TERIC 12A23	3.00
Ethylene glycol mono-stearate	12.50
Sodium chloride	1.00
Water	27.50

**30 Method**

Ethylene glycol mono-stearate, dodecyld polysaccharide, sodium lauryl sulphate, TERIC 12A23 water and sodium chloride were heated to 80°C with vigorous stirring. Once the solution had reached 80°C, the stirring rate was slowed and the

35 solution cooled at a controlled rate of 10°C per hour until the solution temperature had dropped to 40°C. When the solution temperature had reached 40°C the stirrer was stopped

and the pearlescent based composition was allowed to cool to room temperature. (TERIC is a registered trade mark of ICI Australia Operations Proprietary Limited).

### **EXAMPLE 3**

	<u>Component</u>	<u>Composition (%w/w)</u>
	Decyld polysaccharide (50% a.i.)	37.00
	Sodium lauryl sulphate	10.00
	Cetyl Stearyl alcohol	5.00
	Ethylene glycol monostearate	16.25
10	Water	32.75

### Method

Ethylene glycol monostearate, decyld polysaccharide, sodium lauryl sulphate, cetyl-stearyl alcohol and water were heated to 75°C with vigorous stirring. The solution was cooled until the temperature reached 70°C at which point the rate of cooling was controlled at 15°C/hour and the stirring rate reduced. When temperature reached 40°C, stirring was stopped and the pearlescent based composition allowed to cool to room temperature.

### **EXAMPLE 4**

	<u>Component</u>	<u>Composition (%w/w)</u>
	Dodecyld polysaccharide (50% a.i.)	36.00
	Ammonium lauryl sulphate (25% a.i.)	10.00
	Disodium alkyl ethoxy sulphosuccinate (30% a.i.)	13.3
25	Sodium chloride	1.0
	Ethylene glycol distearate	16.25
	Water	23.45

### Method

Dodecyld polysaccharide, ammonium lauryl sulphate, disodium alkylethoxy sulphosuccinate and ethylene glycoldistearate were blended together to form a homogeneous mixture. Sodium chloride was then dissolved in the water and added to the mixture which was heated to 70°C with vigorous stirring. When the solution temperature reached 70°C the stirring rate was reduced and the solution cooled at a rate of 8°C/hr. When the solution temperature reached 40°C the

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stirring was stopped and the resultant pearlescent based concentrat left to cool to room temperature.

#### **EXAMPLE 5**

	<u>Component</u>	<u>Composition (%w/w)</u>
5	Decyl Polysaccharide	25.00
	Sodium lauryl sulphate	20.00
	Ethylene glycol monostearate	7.50
	Sodium Chloride	1.00
	Water	46.5

#### **10 Method**

The sodium chloride was dissolved in a portion of the water. The remaining components were blended together and the salt solution mixed in. The resultant mixture was heated to 70°C with rapid stirring then the stirring rate was reduced and the mixture cooled at a rate of 8°C per hour. When the mixture reached 40°C all stirring was ceased.

#### **EXAMPLE 6**

	<u>Component</u>	<u>Composition (%w/w)</u>
20	Decyl Polysaccharide	25.00
	Sodium lauryl sulphate	20.00
	Sorbitan monolaurate	5.00
	Ethylene glycol monostearate	15.00
	Sodium Chloride	1.00
	Water	34.00

#### **25 Method**

The above components were combined according to the method of Example 5 to form a pearlescent based concentrate.

#### **EXAMPLE 7**

	<u>Component</u>	<u>Composition (%w/w)</u>
30	C8-10 Polysaccharide	5.00
	Decyl Polysaccharide	25.00
	Sodium lauryl sulphate	20.00
	Ethylene glycol monostearate	15.00
	Sodium Chloride	1.00
35	Water	34.00

Method

The above components were combined according to the method of Example 5 to form a pearlescent based concentrate.

**EXAMPLE 8**

	<u>Component</u>	<u>Composition (%w/w)</u>
	Decyl Polysaccharide	30.00
	Ammonium lauryl sulphate	20.00
	Ethoxylated sorbitan monooleate	2.50
	Sodium Chloride	1.00
10	Ethylene glycol monostearate	15.00
	Water	31.50

Method

The above components were combined according to the method of Example 5 to form a pearlescent based concentrate.

**EXAMPLE 9**

	<u>Component</u>	<u>Composition (%w/w)</u>
	Decyl Polysaccharide	30.00
	Sodium lauryl sulphate	15.00
	Stearic acid	15.00
20	Sodium Chloride	1.00
	Water	39.00

Method

The above components were combined according to the method of Example 5 to form a pearlescent based concentrate.

**EXAMPLE 10**

	<u>Component</u>	<u>Composition (%w/w)</u>
	C16-18 Polysaccharide	10.00
	Decyl Polysaccharide	15.00
	Sodium lauryl sulphate	15.00
30	Ethylene glycol monostearate	15.00
	Sodium Chloride	1.00
	Water	44.00

Method

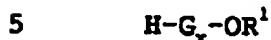
The above components were combined according to the method of Example 5 to form a pearlescent based concentrate.

The pearlescent based concentrates of each example exhibited small crystals of relatively uniform size which give a lustrous appearance to the concentrate and good reflectance.

- 5 While the invention had been explained in relation to its preferred embodiments it is to be understood that various modifications thereof will become apparent to those skilled in the art upon reading the specification. Therefore, it is to be understood that the invention disclosed herein is  
10 intended to cover such modifications as fall within the scope of the appended claims.

The claims defining the inventions are as follows:

1. A pearlescent based concentrate comprising:  
between 5 and 40% by weight of the composition of  
alkylpolysaccharide of formula

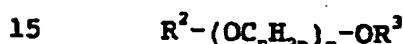


where  $R^1$  is selected from the group comprising linear or  
branched  $C_6$  to  $C_{22}$  alkyl or alkenyl group  
where G is selected from the group comprising a  $C_5$  or  $C_6$   
saccharide and

10      x is from 1 to 10;

between 3 and 30% by weight of the composition of alkyl  
sulphate and/or alkyl ether sulphate;

and between 5 and 20% by weight of pearlescing compound of  
formula



where  $R^2$  is chosen from the group including  $C_{16}$  to  $C_{22}$  fatty  
acyl groups,

$R^3$  is chosen from the group comprising H or  $R^2$ ,

n is 2 or 3 and

20      x is from 0 to 120.

2. A pearlescent based concentrate according to claim 1  
comprising:

between 5 and 40% by weight of the composition of  
alkylpolysaccharide of formula



where  $R^1$  is selected from the group comprising linear or  
branched  $C_6$  to  $C_{22}$  alkyl or alkenyl group

where G is selected from the group comprising a  $C_5$  or  $C_6$   
saccharide and

30      x is from 1 to 10;

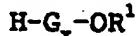
between 3 and 30% by weight of the composition of alkyl  
sulphate and/or alkyl ether sulphate;

and between 5 and 20% by weight of p arlescing acid of formula



where R is chosen from the group including C<sub>16</sub> to C<sub>22</sub> alkyl groups,

3. A pearlescent based concentrate comprising:  
between 5 and 40% by weight of the composition of  
alkylpolysaccharide of formula



- 10 where R<sup>1</sup> is selected from the group comprising linear or branched C<sub>6</sub> to C<sub>22</sub> alkyl or alkenyl group  
where G is selected from the group comprising a C<sub>5</sub> or C<sub>6</sub> saccharide and

x is from 1 to 10;

- 15 between 3 and 30% by weight of the composition of alkyl sulphate and/or alkyl ether sulphate;  
and between 5 and 20% by weight of pearlescing esters of formula



- 20 where R<sup>2</sup> is chosen from the group including C<sub>16</sub> to C<sub>22</sub> fatty acyl groups,

R<sup>3</sup> is chosen from the group comprising H or R<sup>2</sup>,

n is 2 or 3 and

x is from 1 to 120.

- 25 4. A pearlescent based concentrate according to claim 3 which further includes secondary alkane sulphonates of the formula

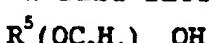


where R<sup>4</sup> is chosen from the group comprising

- 30 C<sub>6</sub> to C<sub>22</sub> alkyl groups

and M is chosen from the group comprising alkali salts.

5. A pearlescent based concentrates according to claim 3 wherein said fatty alcohol ethoxylate is of formula



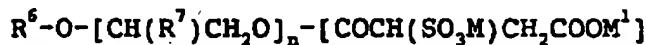
- 35 where R<sup>5</sup> is chosen form the group including C<sub>6</sub> and C<sub>22</sub> alkyl or alkenyl groups

and y is from 1 to 120.

6. A pearlescent based concentrate according to claim 3 which further includes between 0 and 30% by weight of the composition of one or more optional additives chosen from the

5 group including:

alkylsulphosuccinate or polyoxyalkylenealkylsulphosuccinate of the formula



where  $R^6$  is chosen from the group including  $C_6$  to  $C_{20}$  linear or

10 branched alkyl groups,

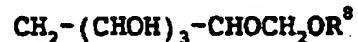
$R^7$  is H or  $CH_3$ ,

$M$  and  $M^1$  are independently chosen from the group comprising alkali metals, alkaline earth metals,  $NH_4^+$ ,  $C_1$  to  $C_3$  alkyl groups, substituted ammonia and hydroxy substituted  $C_1$  or  $C_2$ ,

15 alkyl substituted ammonia and

n is from 0 to 8;

sorbitan fatty acid esters of formula,



where  $R^8$  is chosen from the group including  $C_{12}$  to  $C_{18}$  alkyl

20 group;

secondary alkane sulphonates; fatty alcohol alkoxylates; fatty acid alkoxylates; fatty alcohols; alkanoyl N-methylglucamides; ether carboxylic acids; ethoxylated sorbitan fatty acid esters; and alpha-olefin sulphonates.

25 7. A pearlescent based concentrate according to claim 3 which further includes fatty alcohols of the formula



where  $R^9$  is chosen from the group comprising

$C_6$  to  $C_{22}$  alkyl groups.

30 8. A pearlescent based concentrate according to claim 3 which further includes alkanoyl N-methylglucamides of the formula

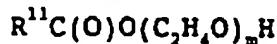


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35  $CH_3-N-CH_2(CHOH)_4CH_2OH$

where  $R^{10}$  is chosen from the group consisting  $C_6$  and  $C_{22}$  alkyl groups.

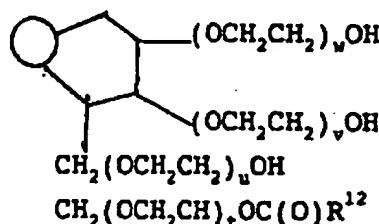
9. A pearlescent based concentrate according to claim 3 which further includes other carboxylic acids of the formula



where  $R^{11}$  is chosen from the group including  $C_6$  to  $C_{22}$  alkyl

5 groups and  $m$  is from 1 to 120.

10. A pearlescent based concentrate according to claim 3 which further includes ethoxylated sorbitan fatty acid esters of the formula



where  $R^{12}$  is chosen from the group comprising

$C_6$  to  $C_{22}$  alkyl groups

15 and  $w$ ,  $v$ ,  $u$ ,  $t$  are from 4 to 20

11. A pearlescent based concentrate according to claim 3 which further includes alpha-olefin sulphonates of formula



where  $R^{13}$  is chosen from the group comprising

20  $C_6$  to  $C_{22}$  alkyl groups

and  $M'$  is chosen from the group comprising Na & K.

12. A pearlescent based concentrate according to claim 3 comprising between 0 and 2% of the weight of the composition of inorganic salt.

25 13. A pearlescent based concentrate according to claim 12 wherein said inorganic salt is an alkali metal halide salt.

14. A pearlescent based concentrate according to claim 3 comprising between 10 and 90% of the weight of the composition of solvent.

15. A pearlescent composition comprising a pearlescent based concentrate according to any of the previous claims and at least one solvent in the ratio of between 10:90 and 90:10 weight %.

5 16. A pearlescent based concentrate according to claim 1 or 2 which further includes secondary alkane sulphonates of the formula

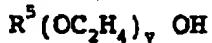


where  $R^4$  is chosen from the group comprising

10  $C_6$  to  $C_{22}$  alkyl groups

and M is chosen from the group comprising alkali salts.

17. A pearlescent based concentrates according to claim 1 or 2 wherein said fatty alcohol ethoxylate is of formula



15 where  $R^5$  is chosen form the group including

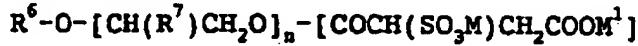
$C_6$  and  $C_{22}$  alkyl or alkenyl groups

and y is from 1 to 120.

18. A pearlescent based concentrate according to claim 1 or 2 which further includes between 0 and 30% by weight of the

20 composition of one or more optional additives chosen from the group including:

alkylsulphosuccinate or polyoxyalkylenealkylsulphosuccinate of the formula



25 where  $R^6$  is chosen from the group including  $C_6$  to  $C_{20}$  linear or branched alkyl groups,

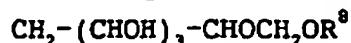
$R^7$  is H or  $\text{CH}_3$ ,

M and  $M^1$  are independently chosen from the group comprising alkali metals, alkaline earth metals,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,  $C_1$  to  $C_3$  alkyl

30 groups, substituted ammonia and hydroxy substituted  $C_2$  or  $C_3$  alkyl substituted ammonia and

n is from 0 to 8;

sorbitan fatty acid esters of formula,



35 where  $R^8$  is chosen from the group including  $C_{12}$  to  $C_{18}$  alkyl group;

secondary alkan sulphonates; fatty alcohol alkoxylates; fatty acid alkoxylates; fatty alcohols; alkanoyl N-methylglucamides; ether carboxylic acids; ethoxylated sorbitan fatty acid esters; and alpha-olefin sulphonates.

- 5 19. A pearlescent based concentrate according to claim 1 or 2 which further includes fatty alcohols of the formula



where  $R^9$  is chosen from the group comprising  $C_6$  to  $C_{22}$  alkyl groups.

- 10 20. A pearlescent based concentrate according to claim 1 or 2 which further includes alkanoyl N-methylglucamides of the formula



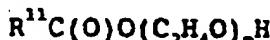
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- 15  $CH_3-N-CH_2-(CHOH)_4-CH_2OH$

where  $R^{10}$  is chosen from the group consisting  $C_6$  and  $C_{22}$  alkyl groups.

21. A pearlescent based concentrate according to claim 1 or 2 which further includes ether carboxylic acids of the

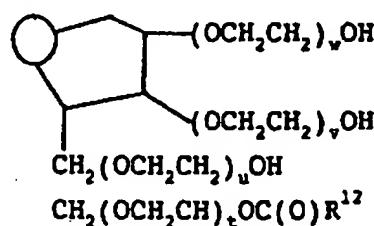
- 20 formula



where  $R^{11}$  is chosen from the group including  $C_6$  to  $C_{22}$  alkyl groups and  $m$  is from 1 to 120.

22. A pearlescent based concentrate according to claim 1 or 25 2 which further includes ethoxylated sorbitan fatty acid

esters of the formula



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where  $R^{12}$  is chosen from the group comprising

$C_6$  to  $C_{22}$  alkyl groups

and  $w$ ,  $v$ ,  $u$ ,  $t$  are from 4 to 20

23. A pearlescent based concentrate according to claim 3 which further includes alpha-olefin sulphonates of formula



where  $R^{13}$  is chosen from the group comprising

5  $C_6$  to  $C_{22}$  alkyl groups

and  $M^2$  is chosen from the group comprising Na & K.

24. A method of preparing a pearlescent based concentrates of any of claims 3 to 15 comprising the steps of;

(a) heating the components to a temperature above the

10 highest melting point of the components but less than the boiling point of any solvents present and stirring to form a homogeneous solution, and

(b) cooling the stirring solution to a temperature of between 35°C and 45°C at a maximum cooling rate of

15 15°C/hour.

25. A method of preparing a pearlescent based concentrates of any of claims 3 to 15 comprising the steps of;

(a) heating the components to a temperature above the highest melting point of the components but less than

20 the boiling point of any solvents present while stirring vigorously to form a homogeneous solution,

(b) rapidly cooling the stirring solution to between 60°C and 70°C, and

25 (c) cooling the stirring solution to a temperature of between 35°C and 45°C at a maximum cooling rate of 15°C/hour.

26. A method of preparing a pearlescent based concentrates of any of claims 1, 2 or 16 to 23 comprising the steps of;

(a) heating the components to a temperature above the

30 highest melting point of the components but less than the boiling point of any solvents present and stirring to form a homogeneous solution, and

(b) cooling the stirring solution to a temperature of between 35°C and 45°C at a maximum cooling rate of 15°C/hour.

27. A method of preparing a pearlescent based concentrate of any of claims 1, 2 or 16 to 23 comprising the steps of;

(a) heating the components to a temperature above the highest melting point of the components but less than

5 the boiling point of any solvents present while stirring vigorously to form a homogeneous solution,

(b) rapidly cooling the stirring solution to between 60°C and 70°C, and

(c) cooling the stirring solution to a temperature of

10 between 35°C and 45°C at a maximum cooling rate of 15°C/hour.

28. A pearlescent based concentrate substantially as herein described with reference to the examples.

29. A method of preparing a pearlescent based concentrate as

15 herein described with reference to the examples.

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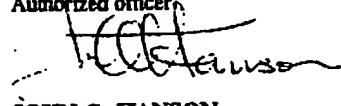
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